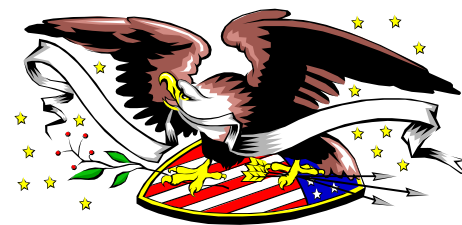




'Eagles'



Eagle 6

4th Quarter FY 2010

Corner



Greetings! I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by and summer is almost over. It certainly has been a very busy summer. You continue to operate at a fast and furious pace, meeting every challenge head-on to provide the best support to our future Warriors. You've tested the Expedited Reception process during the summer surge and you succeeded with flying colors; the addition of dental exam prior to Soldiers shipping was well executed; yearly command

inspections for the companies are going extremely well; and our recent realignment with the MSCoE and Garrison is a success. I am thankful each and every day to have been given such an opportunity to serve with each of you.

Last month we bid farewell to Eagle 7, CSM Lacy, as she heads to the Bluegrass State. I would like to thank her for her selfless service to our Nation, her dedication and for all her contributions to the success of our battalion. I also would like to welcome and thank 1SG Bouie for stepping-up to the plate to be my Battle Buddy for a few months as we wait for CSM Freno's arrival. She left her fellow Gators in the swamp to join

us up in the Eagle's Nest. I am sure she will have a positive take away and will have a different perspective from the Eagle's Nest.

We welcome all new Soldiers, Civilians and Families to the 43d Eagles! It is great to have you on the team and we look forward to serving with you. For all those departing, we say, "Best Wishes and God-speed". Thank you for all of your contributions to the battalion and a stronger Army.

Soldiers for Freedom!

Eagle 6

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Eagle 7 Corner



One thing that is certain in life is change and we have certainly had our share of change in the 43d. In the last quarter we have seen a great transition in personnel as we lost some of our great Warriors such as CSM Lacy, 1SG Rawls, and several high speed drill sergeants and cadre. But even as we endured loss we made great gains with an influx of new Warriors such as CSM Freno, 1SG Cleveland and new drill sergeants who had to meet the rigorous new standards set forth in the CG's Policy Letter

which elevated the qualifications needed for assignment to the 43d. Although it is a natural tendency to resist change, change is not always bad; sometimes it is good and necessary in order for us to ascend to the next level.

Several of our comrades were recognized for their outstanding service to Soldiers and to the nation at both the battalion and post quarterly award ceremonies. It was a joy to watch such deserving Soldiers and Civilians being rewarded for all their dedication, hard work and valuable contributions that make us such a great battalion. I would personally like to congratulate each of you again and encourage you to keep up the good work! Customer service can be a thankless job at times so it was good to

see someone say "Thank You"! Those two little words that are spoken much too infrequently can make a world of difference to most people and significantly increase service and motivation levels. I want to encourage all leaders to continue to look for opportunities to say "thanks, for a job well done".

Summer has been fast and furious with lots of twists, turns and challenges but we have met and/or exceeded each and every one of them. I am extremely proud of the team of professionals that I get to work with on a daily basis and I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve with all of you. I look forward to the new challenges that we will face together and feel confident that we are more than capable of handling whatever comes our way.

Lastly, I want to thank LTC Romero for giving me the opportunity to serve as her CSM and experience what life will be like when I trade this diamond in for a star. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience that has opened my eyes and increased my focus beyond my company to the bigger picture of the battalion and how we must all work collectively towards a common goal to experience success. With that in mind, I extend a hardy welcome to CSM Freno and gladly resume my post with the Gators.

Soldiers for Freedom!

Eagle (Gator) 7

HELLCAT CORNER

First off, 1SG Ducksworth and I would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the Hellcat family. We are proud to be working with such a wonderful team.

Unfortunately, we must say goodbye to some great team members of HHC. CH (MAJ) Carey left us for Walter Reed Army Medical Center, DS McManama left us for E, 787th MP BN and SSG Pierce will be leaving us for Fort Bragg in August. We will miss them greatly, but wish them the best in their new endeavors.

In this last quarter, the HHC family has grown quite a bit. I would like to say "welcome" to our newest HHC team members. We received a new Chaplain Team; from Korea we have CH (MAJ) Edwards and from the 77th FA Battery out of Schweinfurt we have SPC Mabrey. Additionally, we received several new Drill Sergeants, DS Glover from E/35th ENG, DS Turner from C/1-48th IN, DS Koontz from E/3-10th IN, and DS Wright from B/795th MP. We are excited to welcome them all to our family.

This past quarter, we had several Soldiers recognized at the Fort Leonard Wood Appreciation of Excellence Awards for their outstanding support during the realignment of the 43d Adjutant General Battalion. These Soldiers include SSG Askew, SSG Hernandez, SSG Walker, and 2LT Williams. DS Vargas was also a recent graduate of the Engineer Senior Leader Course. Congratulations to all of these outstanding members of the Hellcat team!

HHC has recently started a monthly team building potluck, the first of which included family members. It was fantastic to meet all of the Hellcat's extended family. The potlucks have been a great success and we all look forward to the great food, fun, and team building in the future.

Despite all the fun the Hellcats have been having we are still working hard to successfully complete our mission. During the 3rd and 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010, HHC successfully reintegrated over 220 Prior Service Soldiers into the Army and separated over 230 Soldiers in an average of 11 days. This would not be possible without the hard work of the Cadre and Civilians of the 43rd AG BN, so "thank you" and keep up the hard work!

As summertime comes to an end, remember to always think safety first! Each team member whether military or civilian are invaluable to the Hellcat family! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the unit's mission!

Hellcat 6

HHC HELLCATS



ALPHA GATORS



GATOR CORNER

Gator Families:

Summer is here in full force but hopefully it will begin to wind down soon. Alpha Company has once again risen to the challenge of the inevitable "summer surge" and shown that we are capable of handling just about anything. Our cadre worked hard ensuring that the Army's newest Soldiers are fully prepared for training, but they are also looking forward to the end of the surge. The long days and long weeks should wind down soon as fall approaches but I hope that in the mean time everyone is enjoying their families and the summer weather as much as possible. This quarter, we congratulate Drill Sergeant Tejada for graduating the Senior Leader's Course, and completing one more step in her NCO career path. We also recently welcomed three new cadre members, Drill Sergeant Lawrence, Drill Sergeant Bruce and Drill Sergeant Garcia. All three were selected by the post Command Sergeant Major as among the best Drill Sergeants on Fort Leonard Wood and worthy of representing all Drill Sergeants to our trainees fresh off the bus. Unfortunately there can be no new hellos without goodbyes, and Alpha Company lost its most tenured processing NCO with the departure of SSG Tucker Beach who PCSed to Fort Lewis. We wish him the best and are always ready to help his wife Stephanie and their son Nathaniel as long as they remain in the area.

Gator 6

BULLDOG CORNER

4th Quarter FY 2010

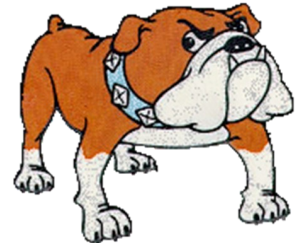
Greetings to all!!! The third quarter of the 2010 fiscal year was a busy, but memorable timeframe for Bravo Company. Significant dates were observed, hundreds of Soldiers were successfully processed, CNN tracked the transition of a Soldier (in-processing), & the arrival/departure of Cadre and Drill Sergeants. Many thanks to the Bulldog Cadre & Drill Sergeants for continuing to sustain the high standards of Bravo Company—also, to the Bulldog family members and friends for providing the support we need in order to accomplish our mission.

The United States Army celebrated its 235th birthday, on June 14, 2010!! Bravo Company, along with the other companies and civilians of the 43d AG Battalion, celebrated this momentous occasion by participating in a ceremony, held at Grant Hall. The ceremony consisted of the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the reading of the Non-Commissioned Officers Creed, and inspiring words of wisdom by Command Sergeant Major Lacy. Bravo Company also observed & recognized the significance of Memorial Day. Thousands of American Soldiers—past & present—have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country and for our freedom. We at Bravo Company thank and honor all who have served and all who continue to serve our great country. Latricia Cierra Rose—a civilian from Columbus, Georgia, was being monitored by CNN, while in-processing with Bravo Company. The major media channel kept tabs with the daily events, surrounding PVT Rose's transition from civilian to life in the military. Selected Cadre & Drill Sergeants were also interviewed by an assigned CNN reporter, to give the national audience a glimpse of what PVT Rose will encounter, during her time, as a Soldier in the 43d AG Reception Battalion.

The Bulldog family would like to thank DS (SFC) Farrelly for his time served here at the 43d AG Battalion, as he departs Bravo Company to fulfill mission requirements elsewhere on the installation. Good Luck to Drill Sergeant Farrelly; again, Bravo Company thanks him for his efforts and years of service. Bravo Company has new additions to the Bulldog family: DS Alvarez, DS Chapman & DS Rivers; we welcome these outstanding Soldiers and their families to the Bulldog team!!

Bulldog 6

BRAVO BULLDOGS



PHOENIX CORNER

Hello again everyone! The fourth quarter has arrived for FY 10 and FTU is welcoming four new Soldiers and saying farewell to two. Departing during the fourth quarter is 1SG Rawls who PCS'd to Fort Hood, TX and CPT Rieger who is leaving as well and will be taking charge of the Musculoskeletal Action Team here at Ft. Leonard Wood. We'd like to say thank you for all they have done, good luck and farewell. The four new faces at the Fitness Training Unit include 1SG Cleveland who is joining us from the 31st Engineer Battalion. SSG Lucas who is joining us from the 795th MP Battalion and will be working in the APFT-C Platoon. SSG Smith is joining us from the 787th MP Battalion and SGT Sinitiere is joining us from the 701st MP Battalion both will be working in the MEB Platoon as well.

Other accomplishments that deserve recognition: CPT Rieger competed in the Kansas 70.3 Half Ironman Competition and the Sharkfest Olympic Distance Marathon, winning third place. 1SG Cleveland received a Certificate of Appreciation for his exceptional service while serving as a committee member in support of the 2010 African American Black History Month Observance.

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FTU PHOENIXES



Black Knight Corner

INCHSCOE BLACK KNIGHTS



We had forty-six Soldiers depart this quarter. Within those that left, I would like to thank COL Kula, COL Walburn, CH (COL) Heath, CH (LTC) Williams, CPT Devlin, SGM Groninger and MSG Arellano for their great contributions to the installation and the company. Even if it's sad to see so many great leaders leave, I am also happy to say that we have been blessed this quarter with leaders that are coming to us with a wealth of knowledge and fully motivated. We welcome COL Dennis (CofS) and COL Riden (DCofS) from the Command Group; MAJ(P) Gravitt (G1), MAJ Johnson (G2), MAJ Sowell (G33), SSG Bohlen (G33), SSG Bishop (G37) and CW4 Whiteside (G4) from the General Staff; COL Spellmon, COL Edwards, LTC Davis, LTC Soebbing, MAJ Heidorn, MAJ Vickery, MAJ Wegwu, CW3 Cook, and SFC English from CDID; COL Agar, LTC Tripp, LT Luyties, from SJA; MSG Wallace and SGM Paxton from NGLNO; MSG Duffendack from Retention; SFC Sanford from IG; LTC Watson, LTC Bruns, LTC Moore, CPT Moellering, and MSG Metcalf from the Installation Chaplains Office; CSM Barteau from Garrison Command; and last but not least my replacement, CPT Mikell. I am sad to say that my tenure here is about to come to an end and that I will be relinquishing command 8 September 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Soldiers that I have had the privilege to work alongside in our Headquarters and Directorate Operation Sections, all truly hard working individuals. I would also like to thank the Command and Staff of the 43d AG BN for all the support that they have given us during my time in this unit. Greatly appreciate it.

Black Knight 6 out.

Warrior Corner

CTC WARRIORS



On 23 Jul 10, the Combat Training Company conducted a Change of Command Ceremony in which CPT Chad Carr passed the guidon to CPT Adam Hilkenkamp. CPT Carr spent over a year as the Commander of the CTC, in which he had a profound impact on the training that IET Soldiers received. The CTC would like to thank CPT Carr and his family for all of their support and tireless work ethic as it greatly enabled CTC to be successful.

In the last few months, CTC has said farewell to many outstanding Soldiers who have moved on to other positions in the Army. Best of luck to CPT Carr, SFC Sitton, SFC Harris, SSG Wilson L., SSG Taylor, SSG Pearce, and SPC Johnston. We would also like to welcome CPT Hilkenkamp and SGT Scaggs. We also have several NCOs that are expected to leave the CTC in the next couple of months and we thank them in advance for their service to the CTC and Fort Leonard Wood.

The transition from TSB to G33 has been completed, and things are running well. G33 is currently working the transition plan for the Ammo/Water Mission which will fall under their control as of 01 Sep 10. Summer has been extremely hot on the ranges and training areas, but hopefully cooler weather is around the corner which will be much appreciated by all in CTC. Thank you to all of the Soldiers and Civilians in CTC for your hard work and dedication to duty.

Warrior 6

399th Corner

4th Quarter FY 2010

With summer coming to an end, the 399th Army Band is seeing our busiest season winding down. So far this quarter, the Band has completed 43 missions, with many still to come. The band has kept busy supporting ceremonies and entertaining crowds everywhere from here to California.

Some of the unit's most notable ceremonial missions have included the Commanding General's Change of Command Ceremony in May and Chemical Regimental Week in June. The 399th featured many of its smaller ensembles at the Army Birthday Celebration here on post, and entertained the crowd on Gammon Field with Standard Issue, our rock band, at the Fourth of July Celebration. We were featured in an evening concert during the Missouri Bandmasters Association conference at the Lake of the Ozarks in June, where we showed our versatility with our brass quintet, jazz combo, rock band and full concert band. This summer sent much of the unit traveling within the Midwest and across the country. Both of the band's brass quintets traveled to California in June. Standard Brass performed in a Change of Command Ceremony at Fort Irwin, CA, and Ballistic Brass spent a week at a conference with the Atlantic Brass Quintet at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga. In July, Standard Issue was featured at the Heart of Illinois Fair. Other performances have included trips to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas City, Branson, Springfield, Newburg and Cabool. Later this month the band will be featured at the Saint Louis Cardinals Military Appreciation game and in September they will be supporting the Military Police Regimental Week. The unit is also preparing for Veterans Day concerts in Moberly and West Plains, MO and the traditional Holiday Concert.

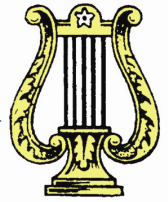
We have seen some significant changes in our personnel with more soon to come. We have recently said farewell to SFC Butler, who PCSed to the 282nd Army Band at Fort Jackson, SC; SPC Vander Wal, who left for the Fort Lee Army Band, VA; SGT Kersh, who is now with the 4th Infantry Division Band at Fort Carson, CO; SPC Jaeger, who joined the 25th Infantry Division Tropic Lightning Band at Schofield Barracks, HI; and SFC Stinyard, now at the US Army School of Music at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, VA. We will also soon be losing SGT Cornett as she goes to the US Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Band at Fort Benning, GA; SSG Frederick as he leaves for the 10th Mountain Division Band at Fort Drum, NY; and SSG Barks when he heads to the 113th Army Band at Fort Knox, KY. We are also bidding farewell to our First Sergeant. 1SG Crandall will PCS to Fort Bragg, NC, becoming the First Sergeant for the 82nd Airborne Division All-American Band. While we are sad to see so many of our Soldiers leave, we are proud to welcome SSG Martin, SGT Lah, SPC Gonzales and SPC Mirandy.

The 399th now has a new website, branched off the Fort Leonard Wood main page. Just go to www.wood.army.mil and look for our link on the left side of the page. There you can find information about our band and our schedule of public performances. We would love to see you in the crowd!

Band 6

399TH ARMY BAND

The
399th
Army Band



Razorback Corner

My name is CPT Suzanne Rodriguez and I took Command of TF IRR on 30 June 2010. I relocated to Fort Leonard Wood in April 2010 from Hawaii. My husband is currently Active Duty and is assigned to the EOCA school house. We have 1 daughter who is 5 and is starting kindergarten this week and one child on the way that is due 17 January 2011. I currently have 8 personnel assigned to the TF IRR Cadre. SFC Rivera replaced 1SG Carman as the new TF IRR 1SG 9 August 2010. Additionally we will be acquiring 2 more personnel on the Cadre. SSG Carrell will be joining the team on September 1, 2010 in the Mobilization/Demobilization section and SSG Reyes will be starting January 1, 2011 as part of the IRR section.

1LT Gregory Stueve is the TF IRR Executive Officer and his wife gave birth to their son Miles on 4 August 2010. He was born at 1038 and weighed 8lbs 9 oz. The entire Cadre of TF IRR is very happy for him and his family and wishes them the best with their new addition.

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TF IRR RAZORBACKS



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EAGLE 10 CIVILIANS



Eagle 10 (Civilian) Corner

Greetings one and all! It's hard to believe that Summer is almost over! May, June and July just flew by.

Welcome to Mary Sugg who joined us in July as part of the PAB Team and to Erica Adams who joined the S1 Team in late May. As they join us, we say goodbye to Veronica Butan and Alma Stradinger. Veronica leaves us to get married and then on to California with her new husband, Joe. Alma has gone on to do great things with the Warrior Training Unit. Your hard work has been much appreciated and you will both be missed. Also leaving us temporarily are Jorge Morales of SPB and Pat Hanshew of PAB. Jorge and Pat will be returning to us in a few months.

Congratulations to the S1 Team of Michelle Nordman, Elaine Price, 2LT Williams, SSG Askew, SSG Hernandez and SSG Walker for their Army of Excellence Award for their hard work during the recent realignment. Also, congratulations to Miss Elaine on her position upgrade. You've all worked hard and the kudos were well deserved!

Eagle 10



S1 RECEIVES AN AOE AWARD



JUMPING ROPE AT EAST ELEMENTARY



MAJ AVILA IN THE 58TH TRANS SIMULATOR



HHC POTLUCK—BUT WHERE'S THE FOOD??



MAJ CLINE'S PROMOTION

Chaplain's Corner

"The Soul of a Soldier"



By Chaplain (MAJ) Chris Edwards

"The Oath"

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the
Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic,
And that I will bear true faith allegiance to the same,
and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States
and the orders of the officers appointed over me
according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

So help me God!



Every Soldier has taken this sworn oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies. With this oath, every Soldier puts his or her life on the line for the defense of our nation. Every Soldier has this sworn duty to uphold. Not some Soldiers, but every Soldier. It is the very soul of the Soldier, and the core of our being. Our fighting spirit comes from the soul.

During the initial war in Iraq (March 2003) as a chaplain with the 3rd Infantry Division, I often reminded my Soldiers that we took a solemn oath to defend our nation against all enemies – foreign and domestic. I explained to them that this was the "foreign" part. Fighting a war is not easy, especially when you are 8,000 miles away from home. It takes soul power to fight, and then keep on fighting to the end. We need God to help us fulfill our oath faithfully. God has, will, and shall continue to help us fulfill our duty. "So help me God!" is a prayer for help.

This is an awesome responsibility, and not one to be taken lightly. The soul of the Soldier is very important. The soul is where we live on the inside and is the seat of our emotions, heart, will and desires. The soul is the part of us that never dies, and is always conscious of the Creator. The soul is eternal. General George C. Marshall captured the essence of Spirituality and Soldiering when he said:

"The Soldier's heart, the Soldier's spirit, and the Soldier's soul are everything.

Unless the Soldier's soul sustains him (her), he (she) cannot be relied upon

and will fail himself (herself) and his (her) country in the end."

It is for this reason the soul is to be nurtured. The soul has to be fed soul food. If we want our bodies to be strong, we must eat right, exercise and get the proper rest. If we want our souls to be strong, we must eat right (spiritual food), exercise (spiritual training), and get proper rest (prayer and meditation). This is how we nurture our souls. One could say that a correct formula for success is to be physically fit and spiritually fit. Both require hard work. Jesus said, "What shall it profit a person if they gain the whole world and lose their soul?" "What shall a person give in exchange for their soul?" Jesus placed a high value on the soul, and so do we. There is no monetary price for a soul. The only equivalent value to a soul is another soul.

In the African-American community there is thing called "Soul Food". Soul food items are collard greens, black-eyed peas, fried chicken, pork chops, country honey cured hams, fried corn, corn on the cob, corn bread, neck-bones and potatoes, cabbage greens, mustard greens, turnip greens, fried potatoes, fat-back, tomatoes, okra, candied yams, sweet potato pie, caramel cake, homemade lemonade, homemade ice cream, Kool-Aid, sun-tea/ice-tea, etc., etc. (I get hungry just talking about it.) It is called soul food because it sticks to you and it puts meat on your bones. As Soldiers, we need meat on our spiritual bones. We need something that will sustain us and help us to be strong when faced with adversity. The question is not if we will have adversity as a Soldier, the question is when. And when the time comes, will your soul have the power to stand the test?

Moses was a Soldier. Joshua was a Soldier. Caleb was a Soldier. Gideon was a Soldier. David was Soldier. Cornelius was a Soldier. Charles the Great was a Soldier. Joan of Arc was a Soldier. George Washington was a Soldier. Abraham Lincoln was a Soldier. There are many more who can be added to the list. All of the aforementioned have two things in common: (1) They all faced adversity; (2) They all looked to God who sustained their souls in battle during times of war. And like these Soldiers, we too, will face adversity in our profession.

God loves the soul of a Soldier. God understands the soul of the Soldier and knows the hardships Soldiers must face. God protects and provides for the Soldier in battle. God is always there to strengthen the life and family of a Soldier. A Soldier who puts trust in God will always find strength for the fight and nourishment and rest for the soul!

4th Quarter Upcoming Key Events

11 Aug—SFC Ross Re-enlistment, Memorial Grove, 1600

17 Aug—Garrison CSM Visit, 0700

19 Aug—BN Change of Responsibility, Soldiers for Freedom Field, 0800

19 Aug—FTU Change of Command, Bldg 2107, 1030

26 Aug—Women 's Equality Luncheon, Pershing Community Club,
1130-1300

27 Aug—399th Army Band Change of Responsibility, 0800

8 Sep—HHC MSCoE Change of Command, 1600